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1. A review of Dr. Kurt Fischer's first month activity as President of the German Administration of Interior (GAI) indicates that the present reorganization is much more extensive than the previously announced personnel reshuffling for greater administrative efficiency. Part of the information is not concrete in the sense that some changes are still awaiting SMA approval but the information taken together indicates a definite plan to extend GAI authority and influence far beyond the limits of police affairs into the intimate control of zonal government down to Kreis level. The GAI now openly emerges as the Ministry of Interior with all the far reaching powers that the agency had during Nazi days. Reviewing the recent police developments, a striking similarity between the system of centralization under the Nazis and the system presently being shaped in the Soviet Zone may be discerned.

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[REDACTED] while the majority of orders toward centralization have not yet been approved by the GAI, it seems safe to assume that Fischer initiated the process only after thorough discussion with IVD authorities.)

2. In a 10 August meeting with ranking officials, Fischer indicated that the ABTP will get an important role. Formerly responsible for police personnel affairs only, ABTP will assume personnel policy affairs for the entire Soviet Zone and will work closely with the Deutsche Wirtschafts Kommission (DWK). Furthermore, a gradual unification and centralization of local government under the GAI will be extended through Lnder channels to Landrat level.
3. Known major changes are as follows:
- Only SED members are to be employed in the future. All present non-SED employees, regardless of past service and conduct, are to be dismissed.
 - Zoitz, Head of ABTP, was dismissed on 12 August.
 - Deutschnann, Head of the Hauptsekretariat, was transferred to a minor position. Both of the above departments are to be reorganized completely.
 - A new ABIS is to be created with the Grenzpolizei headed by Rensch (Reschke?), the Cultural Political Department headed by Bialek, and the Secret Section headed by Luise Zenk, former secretary of Thlmann, to handle Border Police, part of the Military Police, and SMA matters. A department is also to be created for Cultural Affairs and Resettlement Problems.

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4. The Criminal Police reorganization is reported to be as follows:
- a. The ABTK is to be split and will absorb a majority of the remaining personnel and facilities of the former Berlin Central Kripo office.
 - b. A new office is to act as a Zonenkriminalamt and will serve as the Central Executive Agency for Kripo Affairs.

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After the recent Berlin split, only about twenty-five percent of the Central Kripo personnel stayed with the Eastern Sector police, the rest joining Stamm. The remainder of the former ABTK, about thirty persons, will stay in the GAI as a policy making body on ministerial level. It is believed in the GAI that K-5 Section (political police) will combine with K-3 (offenses against the national economy laws) and remain independent of the regular Kripo setup. Another source regards this as the first step in the establishment of a secret police structure analogous to the early NKVD development.)

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